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Those who purchase land under the Carlsbad Project should see to it that the land carries a water right for, according to Engineer Reed there is no hope of any more water being apportioned to lands under the project for at least ten years and possibly twenty, for another reservoir must be built at a cost of a quarter of a million before more water is available than has already been apportioned. The purchaser who buys dry land under the ditch had better therefore take homestead lands in the draws and valleys outside and away from the valley where there are range opportunities for stock and where the land, on account of the flood waters from the hills will raise a crop without irrigation. It is not by guess work, surmise or chance of any kind that this paper makes this assertion but from actual statement made by an engineer who knows conditions, that land carrying no water right is of less value than that outside and away from the canal. Parties who sell dry land under the canal without water right for over \$5.00 or \$10.00 per acre simply obtain more than such land is worth for plenty of the best of it can be had by calling at this office where good and sufficient warranty deed can be furnished to a superior tract to any now offered at \$25.00 per acre.

The first memorial services of the Elks in Carlsbad will go down to history as something not only unique but appropriate for it is a very unusual thing for this order to hold meetings of this kind in public and next it is probably without precedent that such a meeting be held in a town in which no lodge of Elks is located. That the members of this estimable fraternity in Carlsbad certainly have cause to feel proud of their work and the enthusiasm shown by the members in Carlsbad, is undisputed.

### Progress of Carlsbad Project.

The work on McMillan reservoir is moving along very well. The earth embankment on the east side is practically completed, and the riprapping is about two thirds done. The embankment on the west side is about three fourths done, with the riprapping well under way. The concrete construction on the gates is completed, and the concrete shell is now being filled. As soon as this is done, a road way over the gates will be constructed. The old spillway adjoining the gates will be filled in. The channel below the gates is being cleaned out, and the lower end has been straightened to keep the water from backing up against the dam. The work on the channel is about half done.

The rise in the river last week made it necessary to open the gates and turn water down to Avalon, as the water is interfering with the work of paving the

embankment. The flow of the river is now down to about 400 cubic feet per second, while at one time last week it was nearly 800 cubic feet. Avalon is now practically filled. Indications are that the reservoirs will be full long before the irrigation season opens.

Beautiful new frames containing charming pictures for sale at Robb's Studio.

### Chaves County Court.

Judge Wm. H. Pope has tried or disposed of several cases in district court during the past few days that are of interest, as follows:

Preliminary hearing in the suit of the territory against Cary Aydelott, charged with killing cattle in the north part of the county, the property of C. S. Lusk. Defendant was bound over to the grand jury under a bond of \$500.

The First National Bank of Roswell against W. H. Merchant, tax collector of Eddy county, in an attempt to restrain taxation of real estate in Eddy county owned by the bank, on the ground that, as the capital stock of the bank is taxed, its real estate is not subject to taxation. The result of this case will be watched with interest. It was submitted but not decided.

In the presence of a number of attorneys and citizens, Judge Wm. H. Pope this afternoon

passed sentence on the defendants that were found guilty in the recent term of court. Only one defendant was sentenced to the penitentiary, and the others were reasonably light, showing the peaceable state of affairs in Chaves county, considering that a term of court covers six months of time. The sentences were as follows:

E. P. Epperheimer, for selling liquor to minors, \$25 fine and costs, the lowest fine being given owing to extenuating circumstances.

Oscar Harbert, for assault on A. L. W. Neilson, appeal from justice court, fined \$50 and costs, with fine held until further orders of the court.

Oscar Harbert for assaulting Henry Boyce with a deadly weapon, a year and a half in the penitentiary, following the reading of a petition signed by all the jurors in the case, asking for leniency. In this case the judge stated that he had heard of the petition and had questioned some of the jurors personally and investigated the defendant's record; further that he considered the petition of the jurors to the extent that he would not give what the law permits, three years, but would cut the sentence in two. Attorney for defense gave notice of appeal.

John Hollis, for stealing a horse and receiving stolen property, three months in jail.

Clarence Fonda, for same as above two and a half months in jail and \$100 fine and costs.

Albert Raymond, for giving bogus check, sixty days in jail. Raymond represented himself as being a relative of Charles de Bremond and gave a worthless check to Carl Leopold. He pleaded guilty before Judge Pope this morning.

### A Broken Back.

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### Not a Bell Rope.

A young man while traveling on the east coast of Scotland entered a small inn to get some refreshments. The bar-room was empty; no one seemed to be about. So, going over to what he took to be the bell rope, hanging from the ceiling, he tugged it violently, just to show that he was being neglected. The next moment the landlady came screaming down the stair in a towering rage.

"What doe ye mean, ye daft idiot!" she cried. "Dae ye no ken that roope's tied to the cradle, and ye've thrown the bairn out?"

### THUMB MARK ON STATIONERY

Fed Said to Be Taking Place of Monogram on Note Paper.

According to a Philadelphia stationer, the thumb mark is taking the place of the monogram on note paper. "The thumb mark," says this authority, "is engraved in gold or silver and has all the value of a Bertillon mark of identification. Some people prefer to have the thumb mark printed in red or blue, but the metal colors are generally approved."

"It has several advantages besides its novelty, familiarizing one's friends with a personal sign manual which cannot easily be duplicated. Many of the thumb marks are also surprisingly picturesque, and it is not difficult for the writer to annex a fresh thumb mark to ink, and this can be compared with the engraved mark when one wants to establish the identity of special writings."

### BAN ON COSTLY DRESS.

Head of Women's College Threatens Gingham Uniform.

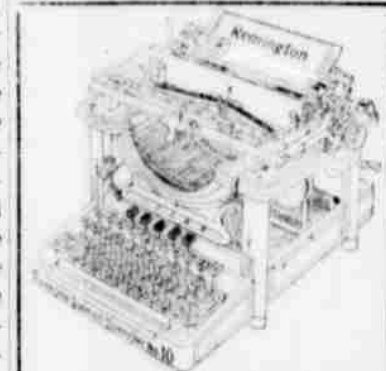
President Ella Rubin of Downer college, in Milwaukee, Wis., one of the best known women's colleges in the west, has announced to her students that unless the rich girls in the college abstain from wearing wide brimmed "Merry Widow" hats and other garments in the extreme of fashion she will put in effect a college uniform of gingham or some other cheap material so that the poor girls will not be ashamed at the contrast between themselves and their wealthier schoolmates. The order is expected to result in simpler clothing. The same order recently went into effect at the State university, applying only to hats, however.

### Medals For Canal Workers.

Medals of bronze manufactured from the old scrap left by Ferdinand de Lesseps in his unsuccessful effort to dig a canal across the isthmus of Panama are soon to be struck in the mint in Philadelphia to be presented to all American workmen on the present canal operations who can show a service record extending over two years. Correspondence toward this end has been conducted for some time, and it is expected the medals of honor will be ready for presentation in 1909. The idea originated with President Roosevelt on his visit to the canal zone. Large quantities of copper and tin have been collected from the useless French machinery for the purpose.

### Ginger Ale Twosome Years Old.

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